

WORLD'S FAIR OPEN

The Ceremonies in St. Louis and Washington.

ENORMOUS CROWDS AT THE OPENING.

**President Roosevelt to Touch the Button
at the White House—Program at the
Louisiana Purchase Monument—Rush Work
to Get Grounds in Condition for the Exercises
Washington and Distinguished Persons Arrive.**

St. Louis, (Special).—At noon President Roosevelt pressed an electric button in the Green Room of the White House at Washington, which started the machinery of the World's Fair at St. Louis, nearly a thousand miles away.

The program for the opening ceremonies at St. Louis began at 9 A. M., when the officers of the Exposition, the national commission and the board of directors assembled in the

of lady managers assembled in the Administration Building to march to the Plaza of St. Louis, where they took their places upon the platform erected at the base of the Louisiana Purchase Monument. A detachment of the Jefferson Guards, with a band

and an officer of the United States Army, escorted the party. Representatives of foreign governments assembled in the Hall of Congress at 9.15 A. M., and walked with a similar escort to the plaza. The state and

territorial commissioners, with the governors of several states were in the United States Government Building and proceeded, to the plaza under escort of Jefferson Guards and a military officer. The exercises were held in the open air, the audience occupying the broad Plaza of St. Louis facing the monument.

President David R. Francis, of the Exposition called the assemblage to order at 10 o'clock, and after an invocation by Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, in which the audience joined, President Francis then delivered his address.

From this point forward the program proceeded as follows:
March—"Louisiana," Van der Stucken.
Transfer of the Exhibit Palaces—By the President to the director of exhibits, Mr. Frederick J. V. Skiff, with presentation of official com-

mission and insignia of office.
Address*—The director of exhibits.
Mr. Frederick J. V. Skiff, will present to the chiefs of his division their official commissions and insignias of office.
Chorus—"Hymn of the West," words by Edmund Clarence Steadman;

Address—The mayor of the City of St. Louis, Hon. Rolla Wells.
Address—The president of the National Commission, Hon. Thomas E. Carter.
Addresses—By a United States senator and Representative James A. Thompson on behalf of the committee.

Lawney on behalf of the committee of the United States Congress.
Address for the Exhibitors—Mr. Edward H. Hariman, president New York State Commission.
Music—"The Star-Spangled Banner," Francis Scott Key.
Addresses—The representatives of the

Kimball English scholarship for graduate work in the art school.